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## BEST OF THE WORLD 20

**MUST-SEE PLACES  
FOR 2014**

**CALIFORNIA  
DRIVING**

DAYS OF WINE  
AND OLIVES

**ALOHA,  
HONOLULU**

AN AMERICAN  
ORIGINAL

**LAKE OF DREAMS**

PARADISE FOUND  
IN EAST AFRICA

**PLUS**

THE NEW INDIANA JONES  
NIGHTS WITH THE NORTHERN LIGHTS  
THE PERFECT PARIS CROISSANT



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On Louisville's Main Street, Down One's trompe l'oeil of barrels makes an irresistible photo op.

## Where Bourbon Always Hits the Spot

**LOUISVILLE'S WHISKEY REVOLUTION** is making a splash. When the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience opened this fall along cast-iron Whiskey Row, Main Street welcomed its first distillery in a century. Tipplers can now swirl, sniff, and sip Kentucky's native drink across from the 18th-century site where Williams made his name as an early spirits purveyor. Corn whiskey has coursed through town nearly since its 1778 founding, from civic leaders toasting board decisions with a jug of it to whiskey warehouses anchoring the port along the Falls of the Ohio River. Prohibition dried up the city's stills, but a recent boom in craft spirits has sent distilleries barreling

back into the resurgent downtown. New cult brands like Michter's and Angel's Envy as well as 19th-century revival Peerless Distilling are all set to open to visitors in 2014. Long the gateway to the Bourbon Trail connecting the stillhouses of the surrounding bluegrass, Louisville has a surplus of top-shelf bars and restaurants pouring the state's finest, any way you like it—in a tasting flight at arty Proof on Main (with 75-plus labels), straight with a side of honky-tonk at Silver Dollar, or in classic cocktails at throwback Down One Bourbon Bar. —**KATIE KNOROVSKY**

■ **TIP: ORDER WHISKEY WITH A "BRANCH" (A DROP OF WATER) AT ANY OF THE 26 BARS ON LOUISVILLE'S URBAN BOURBON TRAIL.**

### ATLAS

Louisville, Ky.



Numbering nearly five million, more barrels of aging bourbon reside in Kentucky than people do.